

ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

March 10th, 2011

MINUTES

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) met at 11:00 a.m. on March 10th at 1700 West Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007. *(Full transcript available on request).*

Members Present

Dora Vasquez, Citizen
Public Member

Juliana Yoder, Citizen
Public Member

Catherine May
Sr. Historic Analyst/Archivist
Salt River Project

GladysAnn Wells, Director
Arizona State Library,
Archives & Public Records

Scott Cancelosi, Citizen
Public Member

Mark Stanton on behalf of
Sherry Henry, Director
Arizona Office of Tourism

Lisa Schnebly-Heidinger, Citizen
Public Member

James Garrison
State Historic Preservation Officer
Arizona State Parks

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State

Jay Ziemann on behalf of
Director Renee Bahl
Arizona State Parks

John Langellier, Director
Sharlot Hall Museum

Members Absent

Anne Woosley, Executive Director
Arizona Historical Society

Teresita Majewski
Historic Site Review Committee

Beth Grindell, Director
Arizona State Museum

Nancy Ledeboer
Arizona Library Association

Karen Churchard, Citizen
Public Member

Carol Warren, Citizen
Public Member

Paul Allvin
Make a Wish Foundation

Guests

Emily Enger
My Bill of Rights

Jim Drake
Secretary of State's Office

Matt Roberts
Secretary of State's Office

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY ZIEMANN AND SECONDED BY JOHN LANGELLIER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14TH MEETING OF THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Report

Ms. Vasquez congratulated Ms. Churchard and Ms. May on their successful interview on Horizon. Ms. Wells had announced that she will be retiring at the end of the month, and Ms. Vasquez acknowledged that this was her last AHAC meeting and thanked her for her service. She also noted Ms. Wells' retirement party is scheduled for March 21st and all Commissions are invited to attend.

Items of Information

AZCC Update

Ms. Vasquez noted that at the previous meeting there had been discussion about communication between AHAC and the AZCC. Ms. Vasquez had not yet been able to connect with Ms. Churchard but would have that conversation as soon as possible. Ms. Schnebly-Heidinger shared that the Ronstadt family is interested in participating in the Centennial celebration; John Ronstadt is writing a centennial song. Also, Ms. Schnebly-Heidinger has been asked to write a guest editorial about the Centennial for the Arizona Republic.

New Business

Centennial Legacy Project Recommendations

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN LANGELLIER AND SECONDED BY LISA SCHNEBLY-HEIDINGER TO APPROVE A STEREOSCOPIC HISTORY OR TERRITORIAL ARIZONA RESUBMISSION, ANNUAL CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS RECOGNITION DAY AT COLOSSAL CAVE MOUNTAIN PARK, HISTORIC ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL GEOCACHING PROJECT, ARIZONA'S HISTORIC ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL PASSPORT PROJECT, ADDIE SLAUGHTER: THE GIRL WHO MET GERONIMO, VOICES OF VAIL-MAKING A LIFE ALONG CIENEGA CREEK, CITY OF SEDONA PUBLIC ARTWORK FOR STATE ROUTE 179 ROUNDABOUTS AT THE "Y" AND BREWER ROAD, SPECIAL ARIZONA WILDLIFE VIEWS MAGAZINE CENTENNIAL ISSUE, ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT HISTORIC PHOTO SUBMISSIONS AND REGIONAL DISPLAYS, 100 YEARS OF ARIZONA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, 26 BLOCKS, PIONEER PARK SAVE OUR TRAIN, FOUNTAIN HILLS CENTENNIAL CIRCLE, ARIZONA STORYTELLERS AS CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT AND REJECT THE APPLICATIONS CELEBRATING ARIZONA RESUBMISSION AND THE 21ST ANNUAL TRAPPINGS OF THE AMERICAN WEST. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Wells announced that one of the approved Centennial Legacy Projects, the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame, has an induction ceremony scheduled for later in the day and that all Commission members would be welcome to attend the ceremony.

Proposed Centennial Legacy Project Application Deadline

Ms. Yoder explained that the Programs Committee proposed a final deadline of December 31st, 2011 for accepting new Centennial Legacy Project applications.

Ms. Schnebly-Heidinger said she understood that it was necessary to establish an application deadline, but was concerned about discouraging individuals from applying. Ms. Wells suggested that the deadline date be shifted to February 14th, 2012 as that is Statehood Day and she suspects there may be a peak of last minute applications around the statehood anniversary. She noted that the Programs Committee will need to remain in operation for a few more months but still establishes an end to accepting new applications.

Ms. Yoder said that the Programs Committee members would likely agree to extend the proposed deadline to February 14th as they have committed to serve through June of 2012.

Ms. May said she felt that the Centennial Legacy Projects would likely be one of the best things to come out of the Centennial celebration. She hopes that the development of cultural and historic projects can continue to be encouraged through the Commission after 2012. Ms. Wells said that continuing the development of projects after the Centennial fits within the scope of the Commission mission in legislation and thought it was a wonderful idea if it was feasible.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLADYSANN WELLS AND SECONDED BY CATHERINE MAY TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 14TH 2012 AS THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING NEW CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT APPLICATIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

Bill of Rights Monument

Ms. Enger from My Bill of Rights attended the meeting to discuss the Bill of Rights monument for Wesley Bolin Plaza that is currently being developed. The monument has been approved and will be erected in Wesley Bolin Plaza. Her organization received a request for the monument to have the text of the monument displayed in both English and Spanish. The intent of having two languages displayed on the monument would be to increase accessibility of the text to visitors. There is no additional cost associated with adding the Spanish text to the monument. The organization itself is a neutral party.

Ms. Schnebly-Heidinger asked if the Bill of Rights monuments are being developed in other states and if any other state has elected to have the Bill of Rights text displayed in multiple languages. Ms. Enger said that monuments are being developed in Iowa, Texas and Virginia. The other states will have English text only.

Mr. Garrison said that AHAC has statutory responsibility to ensure the historic authenticity of language on any monument in Wesley Bolin Plaza. Secretary Bennett noted that the United States has a rich history including many cultures and that English both a constant and is also the official language of the country. Ms. Wells said that the text for the monument would be taken from the national archives language; she proposed that the official text from the national archives be used for the Arizona monument, noting that the Commission would like to review the text before the monument is erected. It was discussed that the official Bill of Rights was written in English. Ms. Schnebly-Heidinger suggested that the original Bill of Rights text be used in a motion as that is the official document.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLADYSANN WELLS AND SECONDED BY JOHN LANGELLIER THAT THE TEXT OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS MONUMENT IN WESLEY BOLIN PLAZA REFLECT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND THAT THE COMMISSION REVIEW THE TEXT BEFORE THE MONUMENT IS COMPLETED. MOTION CARRIED

Centennial Medallions

Ms. Vasquez invited Jim Drake to give the Commission an update on the Centennial medallions. Mr. Drake explained that the mandate for Centennial medallions remains in place and the Commission will need to proceed with the medallion development. An amendment is being prepared for the bill to make a few changes to the legislation. One proposed change would be to allow AHAC to accept preorders to assist the Commission in funding the cost of medallion production. The other change was that if the medallions are in high demand and a profit is generated that monies would go toward Centennial Legacy Projects and any extra would be contributed to the general fund.

Ms. Wells suggested that if Commission members would like to offer their support for the amendment to SB 1498, they can register in person at consoles in the House or Senate following the meeting, then can sign in remotely the day the bill is discussed in committee.

Goldwater Statue

Ms. Vasquez asked Mr. Drake to update members on developments with the Goldwater statue. Mr. Drake directed members to review the revised request for proposal about the statue projects in their handouts. The timeframe of the process was revised to increase efficiency. He asked the Commission to review the draft and send any proposed revisions to him as soon as possible.

Ms. May asked if the Greenway statue was addressed in the request for proposal. Mr. Drake answered that the removal of the Greenway statue from Statuary Hall and its return to a place of prominence at the State Capitol is included in the request for proposal.

Ms. Wells suggested that since Ms. Vasquez is working in conjunction with Mr. Drake on the request for proposal revision that the Commission empower them to make final revisions to the proposal and get it released as soon as possible.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GLADYSANN WELLS AND SECONDED BY LISA SCHNEBLY-HEIDINGER TO ACCEPT THE GOLDWATER STATUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE, THEREBY EMPOWERING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE TO FINALIZE AND RELEASE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO THE PUBLIC. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cancelosi presented the Treasurer's Report to members. The report includes the Commission's expenses, investments, and operating costs to date. Statutory members contribute \$999 annually to the operating fund of the Commission.

Ms. Wells noted that the Arizona Centennial Commission has been able to expand their staff over the past year and AHAC had not. Currently Tanya Musgrave serves both as executive assistant to the State Librarian and assistant to the Commission. With Ms. Wells' impending retirement, Ms. Musgrave will be needed to assist the interim State Librarian full time. With all the upcoming projects from the Goldwater Statue to Centennial medallions, the Commission will need a full time staff member. She said that the Commission does have the funds to support a full time staff and still honor the commitment of funding Centennial Legacy Projects.

Ms. Schnebly-Heidinger asked what steps should be taken to begin the process of selecting a new Commission assistant. Ms. Wells answered that members should consider what sort of person would be the best fit for AHAC. The infrastructure is in place through the Secretary of State's Office to assist in the hiring process. Ms. Vasquez said this would be added to the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

Call to the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Future Meeting Date

Thursday, May 19th, 2011.

Future Meeting Agenda Items/Commission Comments

Future agenda items are: Goldwater Statue update, Centennial medallions update, Commission assistant discussion.

Ms. Wells thanked the Commission for the time they have worked together. She was proud of all the accomplishments the members have achieved over the years.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Meeting Handouts

Treasurer's Report

Meeting Minutes, February 14th, 2011

Centennial Legacy Project Recommendations

Approved Centennial Legacy Projects List

Draft Goldwater Statue Request for Proposal

Prepared by Tanya Musgrave